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Wonder if Blanche Sweet is?

Wonder if them there fish wouldn't bite now?

The tango dance seems to have been displaced by the military drill.

Those Irish revolutioners can safely be called "rebels" now. They lost.

We notice that Spartanburg's annual all-day singing will come off next week.

The next important stop in this nation will be Jefferson Davis' birth, June 3.

What has become of the old-timey boy who had rather turn the grindstone for father than to go fishing?

During this merry month of May the moon gets full twice, while mere man has to hustle to get there once.

Mr. Irvin Miller says that he agrees with us that one chicken in the frying pan is worth six in the garden.

The weather has been powerful dry for the past several weeks, but it hasn't had anything on us in that respect.

A "beauty doctor," whatever that is, says that "deformed feet mars one's beauty." The odor from some of them mars many a man's pleasure also.

Why is a tater bug, anyhow? The Sentinel will give for the first correct answer to this question one of "Cyclone" Davis' famous speeches in congress.

Ex-Mayor John P. Grace of Charleston is to start a newspaper there soon. Which means that there will likely be some warm politics ere long in the city by the sea.

When a bank cashier says he has been advised to take an early vacation, it would be wise for the directors to inquire whether the advice is given by the doctor or a lawyer.

Questions that have puzzled sages for thousands of years are all in a fair way of settlement now. The orations of the college boys and the essays of the girls will no doubt settle the whole business.

Augusta is soon to have in her midst "The Girl From Milwaukee," and the Chronicle avers she has "a most remarkable voice." Most all of 'em in Milwaukee have remarkable voices—for beer.

Senator O'Gorman of New York has announced that he will not be a candidate for re-election. The senate could spare a few more alleged Democrats from that august body and never miss 'em.

W. W. Long, state farm demonstrator, claims that Swiss cheese can be made in Pickens and Oconee counties. We suppose that if they ever make any cheese in Newberry it will be of the limburger variety.—Anderson Mail. The best cheese we ever ate was made in Pickens county, at the old Easley creamery.

Millionaire James B. Duke says when he is in the South he thinks a great deal about building a home here, but that when he is away his ardor cools. Mr. Duke also says this country should go to war at once with Germany. The chances are that his ardor would also cool off a bit when he got next to the trenches.

The difference between liberty and license is great, yet some think they are the same. If all could learn that liberty does not consist in doing what one pleases, right or wrong, but license instead, a pile of trouble would be averted. Liberty is the privilege of doing right, while license is doing what one wishes, right or wrong.

The second Saturday in May, which this year falls on the 13th, will be observed as American Indian Day, the first observance of this holiday. The recognition of the Red Men, which representative members of the race have long sought, resulted from the last meeting of the Society of American Indians and its appeal to congress.

OUR WEEKLY RIDDLE.—Why is life the greatest of riddles? Because we must all give it up.

Samson must have been an actor Of very great renown. For he remember reading how He brought a big house down!

In Pickens County

A candidate for membership in the house of representatives in Pickens county opposes the child labor law and compulsory school attendance. Proportionately the number of white people to negroes is greater in Pickens than in any other South Carolina county and it is a county in which the proportion of illiteracy among the whites is highest. In Pickens are a number of cotton mills. If the little children could be kept at work in the mills and compulsory school attendance could be prevented illiteracy in Pickens might be perpetuated indefinitely. In Pickens the per capita wealth of the people is very low. If a great proportion of the population of Pickens remain in ignorance it is safe to say that in similar proportion they will remain poor.

The above article is from the Columbia State, the generally accepted mouthpiece of the so-called elimination conference, which two years ago eliminated from the governor's race the only candidate who favored statewide compulsory school attendance, in favor of other candidates who did not stand for statewide compulsory school attendance.

To a casual reader the article is misleading.

Certainly, if little children could be kept in the mills and compulsory school attendance could be prevented, illiteracy in ANY county might be perpetuated indefinitely. No one denies that if a great proportion of the population of ANY county remain in ignorance it is safe to say that in similar proportion they will remain poor. Why does the State single out Pickens county?

If the State knew the conditions in Pickens county and knew the awakening to the need of education in this county its editorial would probably have been different, for we believe the State is an honest newspaper.

We feel safe in saying that in no other county in the state with the same population is there greater interest being taken in education than in Pickens county today, and no county has made more rapid strides during the past ten years than has Pickens county, according to its means.

Ten years ago there were two modern school buildings in Pickens county. Today there are twenty-four modern school buildings in the county, built by architects' plans, and many other good one- and two-room buildings built during that time.

During the past year \$14,000 have been spent in building six new school buildings in Pickens county.

Pickens county stands twentieth among the counties of the state in per capita expenditure per pupil according to enrollment, which means that twenty-four counties do not spend as much per pupil as does Pickens. We consider this pretty good for a "poor" county.

Only fifteen counties in the state pay their county superintendents of education more than Pickens county pays its superintendent.

There are fifty-three school districts in Pickens county and forty-eight of them have special tax levies for school purposes. When people levy taxes directly upon themselves for any purpose you may know they are very much interested in that purpose. And the greater part of the county has no railroads or cotton mills to help pay this tax, but the people themselves pay it. The district in which Pickens town is located has levied as much special tax for school purposes as the state will allow it. We believe there is only one other district in the state which has done this.

In his last report to the state superintendent of education the superintendent of education of Pickens county says:

The school year 1914-15 has been a successful one for Pickens county, the total enrollment for the county being 6,908—5,503 whites and 1,405 negroes—or 80 per cent white and 20 per cent negroes. Public sentiment in favor of better schools is steadily growing. There are 53 districts in the county and 48 have special tax. Twelve districts voted to increase their special levy, while two voted special levies. The special tax income of the county about doubles that

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of the three-mill tax. Montvale district has put on compulsory education in their district. The compulsory attendance law is weak—it should be made stronger to be effective. Six new buildings were erected and two districts added to their present buildings. Much new furniture was put in the schools of the county. The number of schools employing two or more teachers is increasing. Improvements have been made in all lines of school work throughout the county.

The prospects are good for a continued decrease of illiteracy and increase of wealth in Pickens county.

We have no figures on the per capita wealth of the counties in this state, but we do not believe that, compared to other counties of the state, Pickens county stands so very low. The appearance of the people and their homes would not lead one to believe that the people of Pickens county were the poorest in the state.

As to the candidate for the legislature and his "platform," the people of Pickens county will decide whether he will represent them, and they are fully competent to make their own choice of representatives.

The State might have truthfully added to its article that lawyers and officials who know, without exception, say that Pickens county people are the most law-abiding and law-enforcing people in the state.

Editor Rion McKissick of the Greenville News was a visitor in Pickens one day last week. Mr. McKissick has been with the News only a short time, but since his connection with that paper it has shown marked improvement. While here he purchased some sen-sen.

Some people seem to think that if we disagree with them politically we are not their personal friends. This is a great mistake. If we ever get to the point that we cannot disagree with a friend on political principles and still be his personal friend we will quit trying to conduct a newspaper.

Rumor has it that some of our good and most substantial citizens are considering the matter of offering for the legislature—some from Easley, some from Liberty and some from Pickens. Why can't some of our progressive farmers make the sacrifice to serve their county and state? The way to get good legislation is to get good men to go to the legislature, keep it up for a few years and we will have good laws.

Dug Yonque says last week two men came thru Pickens in a Ford and he sold them a bottle each of Tanlac, and that when they got a few miles out of town their gasoline gave out. They didn't know what to do, but finally poured their Tanlac into the gasoline tank and started back to Pickens. The Tanlac not only answered the purpose of gasoline, but when the two men got back to town they were riding in a limousine. Dunk Botts says he doesn't believe a word of it, but says he had rather pour Tanlac into a Ford than to take it himself.

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